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In re Application of:

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Entitled: DISTINGUISHING POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE FILMS SYSTEM AND METHOD

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- X 2. 2 sheet(s) of drawing(s) (X formal / \_\_\_ informal) comprising Figures 1 through 4.
- X 3. Declaration and executed Power of Attorney's (X signed \_\_\_ unsigned).
- \_\_\_ 3A. No filing fee, Oath, or Declaration is enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R 1.53(d).
- \_\_\_ 4. Information Disclosure Statement along with Form PTO-1449 and references.
- \_\_\_ 5. This is a: \_\_\_ Continuation-In-Part; \_\_\_ Divisional; \_\_\_ Continuation; \_\_\_ substitute Application (MPEP 201.09) of Application Serial No. \_\_\_ filed \_\_\_; \_\_\_ reissue of U.S. Patent No. \_\_\_ filed on \_\_\_.

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	Title	Distinguishing Positive and Negative Films System and Method	
	Atty Docket Number		ASF99289-PA-US

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